

No. 5078 號八十七零千五第 日八初月正年戌甲治同 HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1874. 二拜禮 號四十二月二英 港香 [PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH]

Intimations.

FOR MANILA.
The departure of the Steamer
"FORMOSA".
for Manila, is unavoidably POSTPONED to
TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
2d 294 Hongkong, 24th February, 1874.

MR. JAMES HENRY SCOTT and Mr. WIL-
LIAM DUNSTON HARRISON have been
inducted to business in our firm at Hongkong,
China, and Japan.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
295 - Hong Kong, 18th February, 1874.

VAN POLANEN, PETEL & CO.
M A N I L A.
TOBACCO, CIGARS, and GENERAL
COMMISSION AGENTS, and
6d 296 MERCHANTS. (Feb. 24
FUR SALE.

BANGKOK TEAK Squares 90 feet to 5

OK TEAK Planks, 1

LAND, CRAWFORD & Co.
at 297, Hongkong, 24th February, 1874.
FOR SALE.
THE TRAP, PONY, and HARNESS, be-
longing to the Undersigned, in one lot
separately. Apply to
JOHN F. SEAMAN.
5d 302 Hongkong, 24th February, 1873.
NAVAL CONTRACTS, 1874-75.
SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will
be received by the Undersigned at or before

is desirous of supplying
for the use of the

ment, for the year 1874-75, viz.:

Meat,	Wheat Bread,
Fresh Beef,	Salt, coarse,
Vegetables,	Sugar,
Raisins,	Tea,
Rice,	Water,

Printed Forms of Tender, and further particulars, can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

JOHN BREMMER, *Storekeeper*

H. M. Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 23d February, 1874. [13d 238]

NOTICE.

IN Order to meet the wishes of the Native Community, the Chinese Issue of the Paper has been, from the commencement of the China New Year, issued DAILY instead of alternate days as before.

The Paper has been Established for nearly Twenty years, and is, as to Editorial Management, under the direction of a Well Educated

information, and
the Native Commu-

Advertisements and News at the English Daily Press with the Foreign Community. The Charge for Advertisements will be as heretofore.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE Office of the Undersigned has been REMOVED to first floor, house known as THOS. HUNT & Co's Buildings, FOLDING STAIRS.

In 288 HONGKING, 23rd February, 1874.

THE SUPERINTENDING GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of JOHN RODGERS, alias ROBERT WILLIAM BAKER,
" THOMAS WILSON,
" FLORENTINO ANASTASIO RANGER,

JAMES EDWARD

with the provisions of Ordinance No. 1 of 1870, Section 3, an order has been made by the Honorable JOHN-SMILE, Chief Justice of the said Court, limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estates to Saturday, the 31st day of October, 1874, on or before which day all claims must be proved; otherwise they will not be included in the Scheme of Division.

All persons indebted to the said Estates are requested to make immediate payment to

Official _____

G. (Successor to D. V. I. D. COLLINS.)
DENTIST
No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD,
of 247, Hongkong, 15th February, 1874.
FOR SALE AND HIRE.

A N AMERICAN GABROON BILLIARD TABLE,
with Fittings, &c.
Apply to J. R. W. "Young Hotel"
at 174, Hongkong, 20th January, 1874.

Notices to Consignees.

**GERMAN STEAMER GALATZA, FROM
HAMBURG, LONDON, AND
SINGAPORE.**

CONSIGNEMENTS of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby requested to send
Boats and Stuffs, and take immediate delivery
of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed
and stored at Consignee's risk and expense:
Additional Cargo will be forwarded, unless au-
thorisation to the contrary is given before 4 A.M. TUESDAY.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
WM. PILSTADT & Co., Agents.
260, Hongkong, 24th February, 1874.
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

ROCLUS are hereby
being discharged into

cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft and Goods on and after the 23rd February, 1874.

Goods undelivered after 2nd March, 1874, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
 3d 301 Hongkong, 23rd February, 1874.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSENGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following cargo requested to send to this office of Lad-
 to the undersigned for conveyance, or to make immediate delivery; this Cargo has be-
 landed and stored at their risk and expense.
 No fire insurance has been effected.

O. EEDLAND, Principal Agent.

Esq "Ironside", 3rd January, 1874.

RWL, 1/4	.....	4 cases Merchandise
MASD, 4	.....	1 case "
CW, 1	.....	1 case "
LP, 1	.....	1 case "
W. E. Chapman	.....	1 " "
F 1298, 92, 97, 1301	.....	1 " "
R	.....	1 case "
E	.....	1 case "
in diamond	.....	1 case "

Hongkong, 12th February, 1874.

Extracts.

THE FISHERMAN'S SUMMONS.

The sea is calling, calling.
 Wife, is there a log to spare?
 Pling it down on the deck and call them in.
 The boys and girls with their merry din,
 I am with you all just now,
 In the light and the noise I might forget,
 The voice in the evening air.
 The sea is calling, calling.
 Along the shore, calling,
 I know each nook in the rocky strand,
 And the crimson weeds on the golden sand,
 And the worn old cliff where the sea-pinks cling,
 And the winding cove where the seahorse ring,
 I shall wake them never more.
 How it keeps calling, calling,
 It is never a night to sail.
 I say the "seadog" over the height,
 As far as through the mist my falling sight,
 And the cottage greys and rocks, well nigh,
 As the old "Fox" did in the days gone by,
 In the mean of this rising gale.
 Yet it is calling, calling,
 It is hard on a soul to say
 To go butting into the cold and the dark:
 Like the bird that tells us, from the ark,
 While the foam flies thick on the bitter surf,
 And the angry waves roll fierce and fast,
 Where the black buoy marks the bay.
 Do you hear it calling, calling?
 And yet, I am not alone,
 No boat but mine for tackle and gear,
 And I steered the cobbles past the reef,
 When the broad sail shrouded like a withered leaf,
 And the wind whistled on my belt.
 Will it never stop calling, calling?
 Can't you sing a song by the hearth,
 A heartsome tune of a merry jingle,
 Or a gallant fight, or a bonnie lull,
 Or any care that will take just so much,
 Come near them, give me a hand to touch,
 Still warm with the warmth of earth.
 You hear it calling, calling?
 Ask why I am here and there,
 She always did when the sea was up,
 The would have taken her up
 When I and the lads were out at night,
 And she saw the breakers creating white
 Beneath the low black skies.
 But, then, in the calling, calling,
 No answer to the sea's cry,
 Not a word, fetch the paven, find the boat,
 It is up on the shelf there if you look,
 The sea has been friend, and fire, and bread,
 Put me, where it will tell of us, lying dead,
 How it called, and I came and went.
 —All the Year Round—

THE DOOM OF BUCKINGHAM.

"The Doom of Buckingham," the heading of one of Sir Bernard Burke's sections, is well justified by the fatality which seems to haunt the possessors of the dukedom. It was first bestowed on Humphrey de Stafford, who, with his eldest son, fell in the wars of the Roses. His second son and successor in the title was the friend and victim of Richard III. in whose honor and for whose service the famous lion which made the fortune of more than one provincial earl. The sad story of the third duke may also be read in Shakespeare. He had imprudently defied Wolsey, who found no difficulty in tramping up a charge of treason, upon which the duke was found guilty by his peers and beheaded on Tower Hill. When the Emperor Charles V. heard of his execution, he is reported to have exclaimed, "A butcher's dog has killed the best blood in England." The dual title became extinct by his attainder, and the revival of the dukedom proved only a transitory gleam, for the male line expired towards the middle of the seventeenth century with Roger Stafford, who dying without issue, his nephew Richard bore the name of Dudley or Elyot. His sister married a joiner, and was the mother of the Newport collier already mentioned as entitled to quarter the royal arms. The first Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, fell by the knife of Fenton. The death-bed of the second has been immortalized by Pope, and the moral little sketched by the assurance that instead of—"In the worst in the worst room, with a half-bung wall of plaster, and the floor of dung," we should read, "in a well-furnished apartment of his steward's house," Sheffield, Duke of Buckingham, so created in 1703, reflected quite as much lustre on the title as he derived from it; but his race ended with his son, who died of consumption at Brompton before attaining his majority.—Biographical and Critical Essays.

THE MAD HARPOONER.

"We sailed out of Rio in as good a trim as ever yet a ship sailed, with twenty good men in the fore, a noble clipper-ender, good pay, and first-class owners. I thought myself lucky to get a berth in the fore, one of the best crews in the sport fishing. We had run into Rio to land one of the owners, who had some South American speculation on his hands, and here we shipped two more men, one of them a harpooner. He was a strange fellow, six feet high, with cords and sinews that beat anything I ever saw. A grand-built man, with a dark bronzed face, and eyes that seemed to burn into your soul when you looked at him.
 He cottoned to me from the first. A man must chum with somebody on board ship, and he took to me. I found that while he was a silent stouter man to all the rest, he would unbend to me, and many a long, easy chat have we had in the tops or on the poop, many days when we were rocking on the long swell of the Southern Pacific. He called himself Wild Ranger. Why he chose that name I don't know, but it wasn't his right name, and no one knew exactly what it was, or ever will know. He used to say to me sometimes that it would be better for him, better for others, if he were down on the coral.
 "I'll go there some day, Ben," he said; "and when you see the last of Wild Ranger, you will know that the waves have closed over a heart weary of the troubles and crosses of this world. Do you know why I make a good harpooner? Because I seek death; because it would be to me a happy release from a life of pain. I'm afraid to live."
 "Afraid to live!" I said.
 "That's just it, Ben. I tell you that I ain't safe upon earth. Here as I am better because I can sink my harpoon to the socket in a whale and think it is the heart of a man who made me what I am. There's not a man to talk of it or I shall go wild."
 His eye began to take on the lurid glare I had seen in it sometimes, and I was almost afraid of him. Just then Bob Dasher did down a stay, and happened to light on Wild Ranger's foot. He gave a howl like a wild beast, and caught Bob—he was a light man, nifty—and flung him above his head like a feather. A moment more and he would have thrown him far out into the sea, but I caught him by the arm.
 "Great heavens, Wild, what are you going to do? He looked startled, and let go his hold, and Bob Dasher dropped into the top, half scared to death. Wild looked down at him in a strange way, half scorn, and half rage.
 "Let him go away, then," he said, smiling.
 "I told you I wasn't safe, Ben, and you ought to know it."
 Bob slid down a back stay and got to the deck, for he had no taste for such company. Wild Ranger sank down in the top, and covered his face with his hands.
 "I wish you knew how to cry for me, Ben," he said. "I haven't prayed since—but I won't talk of it. I wish we could get among the whales! I'm happier there than anywhere else. But remember this: when I am in my maddest moods, if you only put your hand on me, I shall change my purpose."
 We got among the whales at last, and a welcome sound was the Wild Ranger when the look-out cried.

There she blows—blow! There she blows!

"Up jumped the mate at the word, and made outposts at the weather bow. Before we had been looking about the decks, careless and indifferent, but that welcome word changed every man from the cook up. The voices of the officers calling away the different crew could not be heard, and in less time than it takes to tell, three boats were heading away from the ship, working with the puddles, and husbanding their strength for that final effort when we would burst in on the giant herd. I was harpooner in the captain's boat, and the first mate had taken Wild Ranger; and as we sped away from the ship, a species of rivalry sprung up between us, each harpooner mentally determined to draw first blood. It was only when the whales were close at hand that we took up the oars.
 "Steady now, by lambs," said the captain, in his coaxing way. "That's it, Ben; long, strong, and together pull. Fair and easy goes for a minute. And whatever you do, Ben, don't let that man take first harpoon to-day; don't, if you love me. Easy now, keep your strength until I tell you to pull and then make the splinters fly."
 We pulled side by side for nearly a mile, and I could not help admiring Wild Ranger. Stripped to his drawers, the great folds of his powerful muscles rising like knotted cords, he was a picture of giant strength. "I am no baby, boys," added Ben, stretching out his powerful arm, "but what was I to Wild Ranger?"
 "There go flukes!" is the cry, and we see four mighty sperm whales plunge their giant heads into the green water, near their great built ship, and go down into the green depths. "The Ranger went mad!"
 "First harpoon!" he hissed. "Keep back, Ben, if you would live. I must strike a whale first!"
 "We were all mad now, except the captain. He sat coolly in the stern sheets, working the steering oar and dealing out scraps of sea philosophy, while the whales sought.
 "A moment more and—
 "There she breaches!"
 The huge body shot up from the green depths, throwing up the water as it came, and scattering it in wreaths of glistening foam. At the same moment the captain and mate headed their boats for the giant prey. We were near by forty yards, but I knew that every muscle must be strained if I struck that whale before Wild Ranger. The uproar of the water had not yet subsided, the other whales were breaching, but neither of us would look at any other game. What a picture was Wild Ranger, then, as he came forward like lightning, his eyes flashing flame, and the whole power of his tremendous muscles thrown into his oar. He gained at every stroke, even while the entreaties of the captain sounded in our ears.
 "Don't, boys, don't, you'll oblige me much if you won't. Ben, you are disgraced if that fellow catches us—if he strikes that whale. Think of the honor, boys, the honor of the crew! A hundred barrels of oil, my boys—good reason, oh, pull! Let yourselves loose, my friends. Hard all—go!"
 "But the mate, the blustering man, how he roared; how he called up the spirits of the vasty deep to help him; how he bawled the rest of the men! Neither head, heart, nor pluck did they possess according to him, and yet they were doing all they could to do with that desperate game. We were side by side now, when I saw the captain's hand come up.
 "Steady—harpoon!"
 I leaped up, with the barbed iron in my hand, and whirled it above my head. At the same moment a slight splash told me that the mate had struck the whale, and the scene was laying over the ten feet of water which separated him from the whale, his right hand in, and, to my horror, I saw him alight upon the back of the whale, and, lifting the iron with both hands, he plunged it to the socket in the gigantic monster.
 "At a blow!" he roared. "Who triumphs now, Ben? Ben?"
 "He was a madman. I know it now when all is over, yet he was a glorious fellow too. The whale went into his flury, for none knew better than Wild Ranger where to strike. 'Steady all,' was the cry as we backed away from the furious tarman, while by the levitation in the air, while the mate cut the line by which his boat was fast. I saw the whale, bent in the form of a crescent, leap wholly from the water, and Wild Ranger was hurled into the air. As he struck the water the great flukes whistled through the air and struck him, and he sank for ever from our sight. A moment more and the whale's turned upon his side, floating harmlessly upon the sea. 'That is my story of the Mad Harpooner. Pass the grog, and let the next man agitate his jaw.'"

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AFTER this date, the Brokerage allowed by this Company on the Premiums on RISKS, not exceeding ten days, of the annual rate, (10%) only, on ALL OTHER INSURANCES, a Brokerage of Three-third and One-third part (33 1/3%) on the Premium will be allowed, as heretofore.
 OLYPHANT & Co.,
 General Agents,
 43 Hongkong, 5th January, 1874.
 OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
 NOTICE.
 On and after the present date, a rebate of Thirty-third and one-third part (33 1/3%) will be allowed on all insurances granted by this Company.
 By order of the Consulting Committee,
 AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
 General Agents,
 1505 Hongkong, 1st November, 1873.
 NOTICE.
 THE UNDERIGNED are prepared to grant Policies against Fire in the above Company at current rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.
 ROSE WALKER & Co.,
 Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
 1617 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.
 THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
 HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
 AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan and at Singapore, Penang, and Peking.
 Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above-mentioned Ports.
 No charge for Policy fees.
 JAS. B. DOUGHERTY,
 Secretary,
 Hongkong, 1st November, 1873.
 LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.
 AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
 Agents, 571 Hongkong, 1st March, 1868.
 TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
 THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks against Fire, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.
 SIEMSEN & Co.,
 Agents, 38 Hongkong, 18th November, 1873.
 IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 FROM this date, and further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent (20%) upon the current local rates of Premium, will be granted on insurances against Fire, effected with this Office.
 EDWARD NORTON & Co.,
 Agents,
 1174 25th June, 1873.
 VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.
 THIS Company, with its Head Office at Hongkong, and Agencies at the various Treaty Ports in China and Japan, is prepared to issue Policies of Insurance, at the current rates of Premium at the respective places.
 AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
 Secretaries,
 557 Hongkong, 1st April, 1871.
 POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
 CHAS. H. MORGAN,
 Agent,
 1506 Hongkong, 18th June, 1873.
 MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
 THE UNDERIGNED have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Fookow, Shanghai, and Amoy, and are prepared to grant insurances at current rates.
 HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
 Agents,
 1855 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.
 THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
 CAPITAL—Two Million Sterling.
 THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £100,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.
 EDWARD NORTON & Co.,
 Agents,
 241 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.
 CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
 NOTICE.
 Policies granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to the Shareholders, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.
 OLYPHANT & Co.,
 General Agents,
 361 Hongkong, 27th April, 1873.

INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Act of Parliament.
 Established 1806.
 CAPITAL—£2,000,000.
 THE UNDERIGNED, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £100,000, on Buildings or on Merchandise in the same, at the following rates, subject to a discount of 20%.
 Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses, removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent per annum.
 Other Dwelling Houses, need strictly to such, and their Contents, 1 per cent.
 Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.
 SEVERAL PERIOD INSURANCES.
 Not exceeding ten days, of the annual rate, (10%) only, on ALL OTHER INSURANCES, a Brokerage of Three-third and One-third part (33 1/3%) on the Premium will be allowed, as heretofore.
 OLYPHANT & Co.,
 General Agents,
 43 Hongkong, 5th January, 1874.
 OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
 NOTICE.
 On and after the present date, a rebate of Thirty-third and one-third part (33 1/3%) will be allowed on all insurances granted by this Company.
 By order of the Consulting Committee,
 AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
 General Agents,
 1505 Hongkong, 1st November, 1873.
 NOTICE.
 THE UNDERIGNED are prepared to grant Policies against Fire in the above Company at current rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.
 ROSE WALKER & Co.,
 Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
 1617 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.
 THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
 HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
 AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan and at Singapore, Penang, and Peking.
 Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above-mentioned Ports.
 No charge for Policy fees.
 JAS. B. DOUGHERTY,
 Secretary,
 Hongkong, 1st November, 1873.
 LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.
 AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
 Agents, 571 Hongkong, 1st March, 1868.
 TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
 THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks against Fire, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.
 SIEMSEN & Co.,
 Agents, 38 Hongkong, 18th November, 1873.
 IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 FROM this date, and further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent (20%) upon the current local rates of Premium, will be granted on insurances against Fire, effected with this Office.
 EDWARD NORTON & Co.,
 Agents,
 1174 25th June, 1873.
 VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.
 THIS Company, with its Head Office at Hongkong, and Agencies at the various Treaty Ports in China and Japan, is prepared to issue Policies of Insurance, at the current rates of Premium at the respective places.
 AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
 Secretaries,
 557 Hongkong, 1st April, 1871.
 POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
 CHAS. H. MORGAN,
 Agent,
 1506 Hongkong, 18th June, 1873.
 MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
 THE UNDERIGNED have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Fookow, Shanghai, and Amoy, and are prepared to grant insurances at current rates.
 HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
 Agents,
 1855 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.
 THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
 CAPITAL—Two Million Sterling.
 THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £100,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.
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 OLYPHANT & Co.,
 General Agents,
 361 Hongkong, 27th April, 1873.

INSURANCES.

THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire at current rates, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.
 ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
 Agents, 1801 Hongkong, 5th October, 1873.
 YANG-TZEH INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
 CAPITAL AND SURPLUS £800,000 TABLE.
 POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an interest dividend of 15% for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distribute among Policy holders annually, in cash, ALL the profits of the underwriting business, pro rata to amount of premium contributed.
 RUSSELL & Co.,
 Agents,
 1068 Hongkong, 9th July, 1873.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future on the SHORT PERIOD insurances, viz:—
 Not exceeding ten days, of the annual rate, (10%) only, on ALL OTHER INSURANCES, a Brokerage of Three-third and One-third part (33 1/3%) on the Premium will be allowed, as heretofore.
 OLYPHANT & Co.,
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 OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
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 CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
 NOTICE.
 Policies granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to the Shareholders, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.
 OLYPHANT & Co.,
 General Agents,
 361 Hongkong, 27th April, 1873.

INSURANCES.

JAVA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire at current rates, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.
 ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
 Agents, 1801 Hongkong, 5th October, 1873.
 YANG-TZEH INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
 CAPITAL AND SURPLUS £800,000 TABLE.
 POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an interest dividend of 15% for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distribute among Policy holders annually, in cash, ALL the profits of the underwriting business, pro rata to amount of premium contributed.
 RUSSELL & Co.,
 Agents,
 1068 Hongkong, 9th July, 1873.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future on the SHORT PERIOD insurances, viz:—
 Not exceeding ten days, of the annual rate, (10%) only, on ALL OTHER INSURANCES, a Brokerage of Three-third and One-third part (33 1/3%) on the Premium will be allowed, as heretofore.
 OLYPHANT & Co.,
 General Agents,
 43 Hongkong, 5th January, 1874.
 OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
 NOTICE.
 On and after the present date, a rebate of Thirty-third and one-third part (33 1/3%) will be allowed on all insurances granted by this Company.
 By order of the Consulting Committee,
 AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
 General Agents,
 1505 Hongkong, 1st November, 1873.
 NOTICE.
 THE UNDERIGNED are prepared to grant Policies against Fire in the above Company at current rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.
 ROSE WALKER & Co.,
 Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
 1617 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.
 THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
 HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
 AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan and at Singapore, Penang, and Peking.
 Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above-mentioned Ports.
 No charge for Policy fees.
 JAS. B. DOUGHERTY,
 Secretary,
 Hongkong, 1st November, 1873.
 LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.
 AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
 Agents, 571 Hongkong, 1st March, 1868.
 TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
 THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks against Fire, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.
 SIEMSEN & Co.,
 Agents, 38 Hongkong, 18th November, 1873.
 IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 FROM this date, and further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent (20%) upon the current local rates of Premium, will be granted on insurances against Fire, effected with this Office.
 EDWARD NORTON & Co.,
 Agents,
 1174 25th June, 1873.
 VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.
 THIS Company, with its Head Office at Hongkong, and Agencies at the various Treaty Ports in China and Japan, is prepared to issue Policies of Insurance, at the current rates of Premium at the respective places.
 AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
 Secretaries,
 557 Hongkong, 1st April, 1871.
 POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
 CHAS. H. MORGAN,
 Agent,
 1506 Hongkong, 18th June, 1873.
 MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
 THE UNDERIGNED have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Fookow, Shanghai, and Amoy, and are prepared to grant insurances at current rates.
 HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
 Agents,
 1855 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.
 THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
 CAPITAL—Two Million Sterling.
 THE UNDERIGNED having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £100,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.
 EDWARD NORTON & Co.,
 Agents,
 241 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.
 CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
 NOTICE.
 Policies granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to the Shareholders, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.
 OLYPHANT & Co.,
 General Agents,
 361 Hongkong, 27th April, 1873.

HONGKONG MARKETS.

As Reported by Messrs. on the 23rd February, 1874.
 COTTON GOODS.
 Cotton Yarn, No. 16 & 24, per piece 116.00 & 117.00.
 32 & 36, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 40 & 44, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 48 & 52, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 60 & 64, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 72 & 76, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 84 & 88, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 96 & 100, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 112 & 116, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 128 & 132, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 144 & 148, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 160 & 164, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 176 & 180, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 192 & 196, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 208 & 212, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 224 & 228, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 240 & 244, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 256 & 260, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 272 & 276, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 288 & 292, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 304 & 308, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 320 & 324, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 336 & 340, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 352 & 356, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 368 & 372, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 384 & 388, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 400 & 404, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 416 & 420, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 432 & 436, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 448 & 452, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 464 & 468, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 480 & 484, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 496 & 500, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 512 & 516, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 528 & 532, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 544 & 548, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 560 & 564, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 576 & 580, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 592 & 596, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 608 & 612, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 624 & 628, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 640 & 644, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 656 & 660, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 672 & 676, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 688 & 692, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 704 & 708, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 720 & 724, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 736 & 740, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 752 & 756, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 768 & 772, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 784 & 788, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 800 & 804, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 816 & 820, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 832 & 836, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 848 & 852, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 864 & 868, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 880 & 884, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 896 & 900, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 912 & 916, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 928 & 932, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 944 & 948, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 960 & 964, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 976 & 980, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 992 & 996, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 1008 & 1012, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 1024 & 1028, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 1040 & 1044, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 1056 & 1060, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 1072 & 1076, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 1088 & 1092, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 1104 & 1108, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 1120 & 1124, " " 116.00 & 117.00.
 1136 & 1140, " " 116.00 & 117.